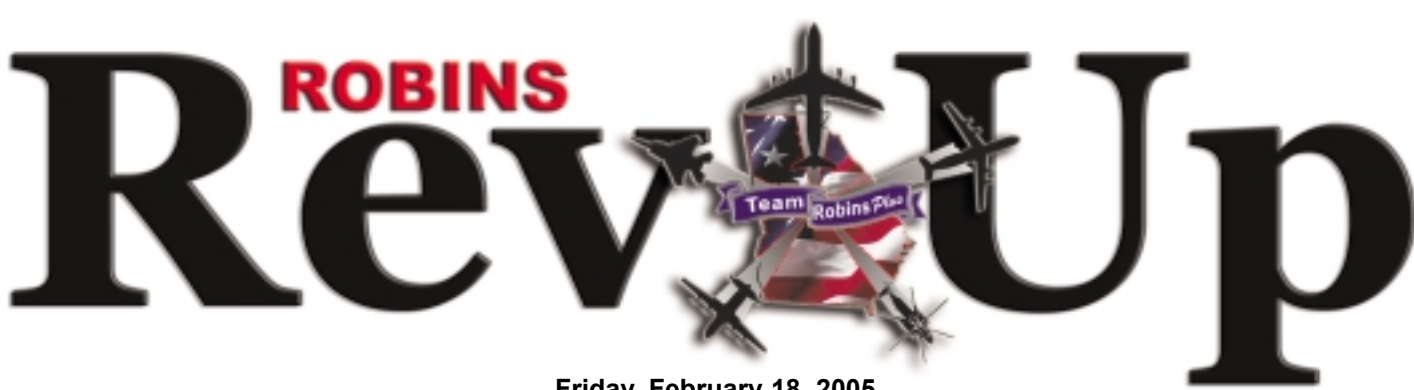




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News you can use

Chief of AF chaplain service to speak at prayer luncheon

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin, chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service, chose an unlikely title – “Don’t Ever Sell Your Saddle” – for the keynote message he will deliver at the annual Robins Prayer Luncheon March 9.

The luncheon gets under way at 11:30 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight hangar. Tickets are on sale for \$3 at the chapel or from first sergeants. Seating is limited to 500.

Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Burrell, chairman for the 2005 luncheon, said it’s important for Americans to set aside time for prayer, particularly in times of national conflict.

Chaplain Baldwin is the senior pastor for a combined active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian force of more than 850,000 people who serve at about 1,300 locations in the U.S. and overseas. He also leads an Air Force Chaplain Service of 2,200 chaplains and enlisted support people from the active and Air Reserve components.

For more information, call Chaplain Burrell or Tech. Sgt. CJ Lashley at 926-2821.

– Chrissy Zdrakas

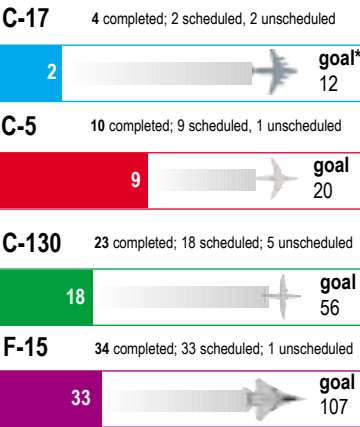
Military CFC allotments behind schedule

The Combined Federal Campaign monthly allotments were not processed in January for military personnel due to an administrative oversight. Annual CFC contributions will be spread out over the remaining 11 months, beginning with the February mid-month pay. If you wish to change your CFC contribution at any time during the year, you can call Financial Services Office customer service from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 926-4022, extensions 126 and 134.

– From staff reports

Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins’ progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of Feb. 15.



\*\*Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don’t count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, WR-ALC/MAWVB

U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today Sunny to partly cloudy



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Saturday Sunny



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Sunday Partly cloudy with chance of afternoon rain



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Say cheese



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

William Menefee, left, and Jacob Wimmer check out their teeth during a visit from 78th Dental Clinic representatives at Robins Elementary School Feb. 10. The theme of National Children’s Dental Health Month is ‘A Healthy Smile is Always in Style’.

For more dental health information, turn to Page 3B.

Tow the line

Robins joins with Lockheed, AeroMech to test C-130s

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Robins’ Maintenance employees, the Center’s Depot Maintenance Partnership and Business Development office, Lockheed Martin and subcontractor AeroMech joined recently to ensure that three variations of the C-130 J Model can live up to new Federal Aviation Administration guidelines.

According to Brian Smith, AeroMech flight test engineer, a separation rule new to the United States known in the aviation world as “reduced vertical separation minimum”,

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

A trailing cone on a 100-foot cord is connected to a C-130 to measure air pressure.

FARR team departs, operation risk reduction efforts continue

Center Office of Public Affairs

Focused Augmentation Risk Reduction team members have gone back to their home stations, but the effort they came to support continues, according to Robins officials.

The team of about 200 people from around the Air Force began work at Robins in November at the request of Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander. They worked side-by-side with Center employees to root out what the Center needed to do

Operation Risk Reduction vision

We will revitalize the ALC culture to one with an enduring ethos that:

- Embraces Air Force core values
- Accepts Responsibility
- Has accountability
- Understands the need for discipline
- Welcomes training and force development
- Embraces the idea that safety is everyone’s responsibility
- Provides service and production that meets or exceeds Air Force performance standards

to instill a normalized Air Force culture. The Center’s office of Plans and Programs is now compiling the team’s findings into an action plan. “We’ll fix issues that the

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Fire, crash and rescue station to replace 40-year-old facility

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Building 109, which for 40 years housed the fire-fighters and equipment that stood watch over the Robins flight line, will be replaced by a \$6.2 million facility one architect envisions as “the design jewel of the industrial area.”

Architect and project manager Shrad Amrit with the 78th Civil Engineer Group said construction of the new facility is scheduled to begin in September. By current estimates, it should

be completed at the close of 2006.

Buildings 109 and 159 will be demolished. The fire department added 159 in the early 1980s to house two of the department’s larger pieces of fire, crash and rescue equipment the flight line fire station couldn’t accommodate.

At 28,000 square feet, double the size of the present one, the new station is large enough to put both people and equipment under one roof.

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Family Support Center helps spouses get jobs by matching their skills with employers’ needs

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Finding a job can be a frustrating task for some, but the Family Support Center makes the hunt a little easier for spouses at Robins.

The center has been matching spouses with jobs through its Career Focus program since 1991.

Doug Jones, FSC community readiness consultant, has successfully matched hundreds of spouses with jobs through the program during the last 13 years.

“I think this is one of our most important programs to help families,”

he said. “Once a spouse finds a job, it helps that young Airman or noncommissioned officer, by supplementing the military family income, so they’ll hopefully stay in the military and stay in our community.”

Once spouses fill out a Career Focus application, Mr. Jones meets with them to discuss their skills, pay preferences and other job-related matters to help determine a career that best fits their needs.

“We try to match them with job opportunities in our file,” he said. “If we don’t have a job opportunity that

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Jennifer Strom got her job as Dixon Carothers Construction office manager through the Career Focus program. Family Support Center community readiness consultants match spouses’ skills with jobs.





U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp  
Above, a Coast Guard C-130J makes several low altitude passes with the trailing cone attached Feb. 10 to help claibrate the aircraft to enable it to fly in closer proximity to other other aircraft. Below, a trailing cone on a 100-foot cord is connected to a C-130.

## C-130

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or RVSM, went into effect Jan. 20.

The RVSM standards which allow for more aircraft to fly in the same airspace have been in place over the Atlantic since 1997, and in Europe since 2000.

“Prior to Jan. 20 any aircraft flying between 29,000 and 41,000 feet were to be separated by air traffic controllers by 2,000 feet,” he said. “So if you were in an airplane and you saw another airplane out the window it was probably 2,000 feet above or below you, but FAA guidelines changed and now air traffic control now separates air-planes by only 1,000 feet.”

To ensure that all C-130 J models have certified altimetry systems that are accurate enough to allow them to fly under the new regulations, three models of the aircraft were brought here for certification through the RVSM flight test kit installation and removal process.

Raymond Birt of the Center’s Depot Maintenance Partnership and Business Development office said the certification was performed



**Raymond Birt**, from the Center business partnership office, said that although the job constituted the use of a partnership, it was decided to consider it organic work.



on the EC-130J, a special operations plane; and two HC-130 J - Coast Guard aircraft.

Each aircraft arriving from its squadron was met by Robins C-130 mechanics who installed a modification to collect certification data.

To install this modification specific panels were removed as well as, the aircraft’s rudder, vertical stabilizer leading edge and tip.

The modification was used only for data collection and reinstalled after each aircraft’s certification was complete.

Mr. Birt was contacted by the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base to discuss a possible partnership to Mod three C-130J aircraft at Robins for RVSM maintenance and flight testing.

Because of time constraints a partnership was not possible. In an effort to support Lockheed Martin and ASC, a decision was made to work this organically with ASC funding the Center’s C-130 Production Branch and Aero Mech.

After the modification was installed on the aircraft, the road to certification began with an hour of low-level

passes over the airfield.

These passes were required to calibrate the onboard equipment. A piece of equipment resembling the orange cones used during road construction called a trailing cone was connected to the aircraft’s internal instrumentation by a 100-foot cord to measure the static air pressure and capture data at different points.

While the trailing cone caught a free uninterrupted stream of air, Lockheed Martin personnel on the ground used a ground pressure transducer comparing ground pressure and the trailing cone’s pressure.

“Altimetry systems tell how high you are flying,” said Mr. Smith. “The point of the trailing cone was to give a good true reading of the air pressure the airplane is flying through.”

He said the whole point of the project was to compare the true air pressure of the air mass they fly through to the aircraft own system for sensing that air pressure ensuring the aircraft’s system is correct.

After the low-level passes the aircraft then flew out over the Atlantic Ocean for the actual certification.

First Lt. Cliff Harris, of Wright Patterson’s Aeronautical Systems Center and program manager for the certification, said one of the reasons the guidelines have been changed is fuel efficiency.

“If you fly an aircraft at higher altitudes you burn less fuel,” he said. “The FAA is also trying to get as many aircraft safely in the airspace as possible.”

From the time the aircraft landed to its return to home base took approximately 14 days.

safety and quality assurance programs, civilian training and inspection follow-up.

*Editor’s note: The Center’s action plan should be published by the end of March.*

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### Architecture language

Mr. Amrit, who is writing the descriptive language he hopes will earn the building its design jewel status, said his wording will limit what the architectural/engineering firm can do, but more importantly establishes parameters that leave plenty of room for creativity. Mr. Amrit’s language of architecture is similar to painting a picture with words.

“We talk about the building in terms of context, form, imagery, and then rhythm, which in architecture is one element repeated creating a visual rhythm – frozen music,” Mr. Amrit said.

The firm that prepared the request for proposal for a widely admired AFMC fire station will also handle the one at Robins. The focal point for the headquarters station is a large tower in the foyer celebrating fire fighting’s brass pole. AFMC kept the pole – an important piece of firefighting history – for the new building. Mr. Amrit said the AFMC fire station “has an interesting architectural delineation in terms of forms and relationships.”

“We don’t want to mimic that, but we want something similar in intent, a building that will speak to our history and our own identity,” he said.

### Home away from home

The Robins station will have drive-through vehicle stalls, dorms, activity areas, a fitness room, full functional kitchen and comfortable living area for firefighters. Since firefighters work 24-hour shifts, fire stations become their homes away from home.

John Carroll, who has been Robins’ fire chief for two decades, said firefighters are eager to move out of the

outdated building and into a newer, larger, modern one. Its location off Perimeter Road not far from the Aero Club facility on the north end of the base, will enable fire-fighters to gain access to taxi-ways faster because they won’t have to go through aircraft traffic on the ramp, a they do now.

Thomas Schoonover, base fire protection engineer technician, will be the Robins Fire Department’s focal point for the project. He said firefighters had upgraded Building 109 in a series of self-help project upgrades that made the building more comfortable, but that the building was no longer capable of handling the modern mission. Firefighters, he said, are more than ready to make the move.

“The old station can’t keep up with new demands,” Mr. Schoonover said. “We live in a different world with different threats. To keep pace with those threats, we need a modern building from which to operate.”

### Heavy with history

The history that hangs suspended within the old fire station’s walls probably will remain there, except for a few notable exceptions some old-timers will remember. Most notable, Mr. Schoonover said, were a stunning emergency landing March 11, 1994, of a C-141B and an early morning blaze Aug. 26, 1986, that destroyed Building 166 - the base restaurant and adjoining Robins Federal Credit Union Branch. Mr. Schoonover was a Robins firefighter during both events, first as an active-duty Air Force member and later as a civilian firefighter.

“The C-141 landing really got my adrenaline going,” he said. Firefighting adrenaline runs in the Schoonover family. His father, Darwin, who died a couple of years ago, was a lifetime member and chaplain of the Livonia, N.Y., Volunteer Fire Department,

and his brother, Kenneth, is a current member who rose to fire chief.

The C-141 Starlifter was on a regular mission from Howard Air Base, Panama, to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., when it was forced to make an emergency landing at Robins, according to the Center History Office’s Diane Truluck. According to historical records, the right main landing gear had fallen off shortly after takeoff. The C-141, Ms. Truluck said, stayed in the air for nearly six hours and jettisoned a portion of its cargo over Fort Benning, Ga., before landing safely at Robins.

“The plane was coming in from Howard, Panama, and I wasn’t on duty at the time,” Mr. Schoonover said. “But I was watching as the pilot gently lowered the aircraft to the runway. There were lots of sparks. We suppressed them with foam, and it was pretty much a non-event after that.”

### Black smoke against the black sky

“When the base restaurant burned, we responded with the air crash, fire, rescue vehicle for a structural fire,” he said. “We were trying to get as much water on the fire as we could. Typically trucks carry 3,000 gallons of water, and the largest one we had carried 5,000 gallons.”

He was the rescue vehicle crew chief and can still see in his mind’s eye the black smoke rising up from the old wooden structure against the early morning sky.

Memories aside, Mr. Schoonover says he has no particular attachment to the old fire station.

“We don’t have a brass pole to take to our new station,” he said. “We don’t even have a cornerstone. We’ll probably take a piece of the station and display it next to a photograph on the wall.”

## SPOUSES

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suits them, we’ll go out to employers in the community to network and find one.”

Mr. Jones, who is one of seven staff members who assists with the program, said although the FSC is a great resource to aid spouses in their job search, he encourages people to continue their own search. The Georgia Department of Labor and temporary employment agencies can help make the job hunt a success.

Jennifer Strom, whose husband is assigned to the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, said she began her job as an office manager for Dixon Carothers Construction Company within days of calling the FSC.

“I had an interview with the company two days after meeting with the Family Support Center,” she said. “The next day, I had a job. I

### What to know

The Career Focus program is an Air Force program designed to help spouses of active-duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and retired military members, as well as spouses of Department of Defense civilian employees find a job. The program is also open to service-members looking for part-time employment. Those interested in the program may obtain an application by visiting the Family Support Center in Building 794 or by visiting [www.robins.af.mil/fsc](http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc) and downloading the form from the Career Assistance Program link. For more information, contact the FSC at 926-1256.

was very impressed with how quickly I got an interview and then got the job.”

In addition to actively helping spouses find jobs, the FSC offers a variety of job search related classes and workshops.

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team identified, but we are more interested in getting to the root cause of each issue and fixing that root cause so that these issues do not resurface a year or two from now,” said Bob Reynolds who is

leading the Center’s Operation Risk Reduction effort. “The team found what we expected them to find; that the Center isn’t ‘broken’, but there are significant areas that need attention if we are to continue to support the war fighter.”

The most significant areas of concern were the Center’s

## CORRECTION

The Feb. 11 article, “NCO Academy education director explains how to properly wear

winter uniform,” should have stated that military members may wear only a solid black

scarf with authorized outer garments, except pull-over sweaters.

# 78th Medical Group’s clinical lab earns COLA, CAP accreditation

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The 78th Medical Group Clinical Laboratory has earned accreditation from the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists. As part of the accreditation process, inspectors examine two previous years of lab records and quality control, staff education and qualifications, the facilities, equipment, laboratory safety and management. “It was a team effort from all the people at the laboratory,

making sure we turn out the best results possible to our patients and providers so they can get the best care,” Capt. Keith Wilson, laboratory director, said. The lab also earned accreditation for the point of care testing sites - testing performed by physicians in the clinical setting in order to provide patient results at point of service locations. Additionally, the lab earned the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation’s Laboratory Excellence Award - an honor which recognizes laboratories that demonstrate exemplary

patient testing, who have completed an on-site survey and are found to have superior laboratory safety and practices for patients. “I’m very proud,” Penny Seals, 78th MDG laboratory microbiology supervisor, said. “It took a lot of hard work, involving many people in the clinic.” The 78th MDG Laboratory garnered the same award in 2002, according to Ms. Seals.   
  
*Editor’s Note: Capt. Keith Wilson, 78th Medical Support Squadron, 78th Medical Group contributed to this story.*

# Pharmacy phone-in system offers remedy for long waiting times

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The Robins Pharmacy last week launched a dial-in prescription refill program, an easy-to-use alternative to long waits in the pharmacy lobby. Robins’ Chief of Pharmacy Services Jerry Walker said the new service has the potential to cut waiting times in half. That’s because about half of the 30,000 prescriptions the pharmacy dispenses monthly are refills. Pharmacy waiting times began drawing complaints a year ago, when the pharmacy put into operation an Air Force-mandated system called PharmASSIST. Built with accuracy, not speed, in mind, the virtually error-free system added six steps to what was a three-step prescription filling process. The extra steps and new equipment also led to delays and to a packed waiting room

## What to know

Patients now can call 327-8150 or 1(800) 537-2137 any day at any time to have their prescription refilled.

during peak hours. The pharmacy staff solved some early problems and then instituted an online (from base computers) refill service that brought average waiting times down to the current 18 minutes. Patients now can call the local (327-8150) or toll-free numbers (1 (800) 537-2137) any day at any time, Mr. Walker said. If they call by 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, they can pick up their prescriptions 3 p.m. the next duty day. Anyone who calls after 3 p.m. Friday or who calls Saturday or Sunday can pick up prescriptions Tuesday after 3 p.m. Patients will be asked the last four digits of their sponsor’s social security number and their prescription number when using the system. The automated system will tell the patient if the prescription is refillable, how many refills are remaining and the time it will be available for pickup. It also will tell the patient when the prescription can be filled again. Picking up a prescription will involve walking up to Pharmacy Window Number One and handing the technician or volunteer on duty their identification card. The process should take just seconds, Mr. Walker said.

# Home again, home again



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Paul R. Ross  
Lt. Col. Henry Cyr, 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, hugs his daughter Alexandria in front of Coats Hall here Feb. 4 after returning home from a deployment to Southwest Asia. About 170 116th Air Control Wing members returned home with him.



# ‘I want what you have – freedom’

By Lt. Col. Zyna C. Captain  
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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN) – On Feb. 11, 1984, I married my husband in a cheap looking wedding chapel by a casino in Lake Tahoe. I was wearing 3-inch heels and carrying daisies. Little did I know that 20 years later, on the exact same day, I would be in Iraq, wearing desert combat boots and carrying a 9mm weapon. I vividly remember standing in Baghdad as soldiers from Task Force 1st Armored Division’s 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, were providing aid to victims and securing a blast site. A sedan carrying explosives had just blown up in front of an Iraqi army recruiting station killing 47 Iraqi men. This was one of many unforgettable events that occurred during my 4-month deployment to Baghdad. This tragedy made me realize how sacred democracy is to people who don’t have it and how messy, even our nation was, when giving birth to a new ideal. In Franklin D. Roosevelt’s third inaugural address he said, “On each national day of inauguration since 1789, the people have renewed their sense of dedication to the United States. In Washington’s day the task of the people was to create and weld together a nation. In Lincoln’s day the task of the people was to preserve that nation from disruption from within. In this day the task of the people is to save that nation and its institutions from disruption from without. “To us there has come a

time, in the midst of swift happenings, to pause for a moment and take stock – to recall what our place in history has been, and to rediscover what we are and what we may be. If we do not, we risk the real peril of inaction.” Only 11 months after I witnessed the tragic results of the explosion, Iraqis voted in their country’s first free elections in 50 years. It’s because of America’s involvement and that our current president recalled our place in history to assist this fledgling nation. Our commander-in-chief, President Bush said, “In great numbers, and under great risk, Iraqis have shown their commitment to democracy. By participating in free elections, the Iraqi people have firmly rejected the anti-democratic ideology of the terrorists. They have refused to be intimidated by thugs and assassins. The Iraqi people themselves made this election a resounding success.” While I agree that elections were a step toward a brighter future for Iraq, I had an unexpected teacher who humbled me. His reality was that democracy is a material possession and not an ideal. This happened while I was overseeing about 100 local laborers who were placing sandbags around living quarters to increase the security for personnel assigned there. My unexpected teacher was a 14-year old Iraqi boy who was part of the work crew. On one of their rare breaks, I asked him what democracy meant to him. To my surprise, he said, “It means the lights come on every time I flip the switch.” This was not what I expected

to hear so I continued with, “It’s got to mean more than that to you.” Boldly he said, “It means never being hungry and it means I can go to school.” While none of these answers were what I was after, I didn’t pursue it any further. I have a 14 year old, and I know that this idea would never cross his mind. Out of his young mouth, his words required me to reflect on the facts that for decades, people of his nation were not free from tyranny, and the ideal of democracy was a foreign to him as speaking Mandarin Chinese was to me. In spite of this, I go back to President Roosevelt’s speech which says, “Lives of nations are determined not by the count of years, but by the lifetime of the human spirit...The life of a nation is the fullness of the measure of its will to live. There are men who doubt this. There are men who believe that democracy, as a form of government and a frame of life, is limited or measured by a kind of mystical and artificial fate that, for some unexplained reason, tyranny and slavery have become the surging wave of the future, and that freedom is an ebbing tide.” I would argue that this was not true in America, nor will it be true in Iraq. I base this belief on that rainy February day when I was part of the team that went to the army recruitment center, about a mile from the Coalition Provisional Authority’s high security compound. As about 300 Iraqis gathered outside its locked gates waiting for it to open, the suicide bomber

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blew himself up by the center. On this day, Iraqi men had been killed as they stood in line to join. On the backdrop of “beige,” – sand-colored buildings, uniforms, sand everywhere – the rain, which normally cleaned the sand from date palm trees, today ran red with the blood of people who wanted their country back. After my initial queasiness of seeing things I wish I could forget, an Iraqi man slightly older than me approached. Not knowing whether I should trust him or not, I told him to stop. When he did not stop, my 9mm was out of my holster before I even realized it. A military policeman approached him and cleared him as a “good-guy.” With my adrenaline running high, I was trying to calm my nerves when he began speaking to me. His first question was as difficult for me to grasp as the surreal situation I found myself in. “When will the recruiting station open again?” I just couldn’t believe my ears! “How can you ask me this after seeing so many of your countrymen die here today?” I asked him. He told me that two of his brothers

had died there just in front of him in the line. It was too much for me to come to terms with: the rain, the blood, the question. He stepped from my right side and came to face me, well inside my personal space. With eyes very difficult to read he told me, “I ask because I want to join.” My mind screamed, “How could he still want to join after seeing his brothers die there?” but my quietly spoken question was a single word, “Why?” “Because,” he said, “I want what you have – freedom.” FDR’s speech sums up better than I ever could, what I felt when this man spoke those words. President Roosevelt said, “And a nation, like a person, has something deeper, something more permanent, something larger than the sum of all its parts. It is that something which matters most to its future, which calls forth the most sacred guarding of its present. “It is a thing for which we find it difficult, even impossible, to hit upon a single, simple word. And yet we all understand what it is: the spirit, the faith of America. It is the product of centuries. It


was born in the multitudes of those who came from many lands, some of high degree, but mostly plain people, who sought here, early and late, to find freedom more freely ... “That spirit, that faith, speaks to us in our daily lives in ways often unnoticed, because they seem so obvious... It speaks to us from the other nations of the hemisphere, and from those across the seas – the enslaved, as well as the free. Sometimes we fail to hear or heed these voices of freedom because to us the privilege of our freedom is such an old, old story. “If we lose that sacred fire, if we let it be smothered with doubt and fear, then we shall reject the destiny, which Washington strove so valiantly and so triumphantly to establish. The preservation of the spirit and faith of the nation does, and will, furnish the highest justification for every sacrifice that we may make in the cause of national defense. “In the face of great perils never before encountered, our strong purpose is to protect and to perpetuate the integrity of democracy. For this we muster the spirit of America, and the faith of America. We do not retreat. We are not content to stand still. As Americans, we go forward, in the service of our country, by the will of God.” We need to remain in Iraq as long as it takes. We need to remain devoted to their fledging attempts to embrace a new way of life in their country’s first free elections in 50 years. As FDR said, “Sometimes we fail to hear or heed these voices of freedom because to us the privilege of our freedom is such an old, old story.”

Commander's Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson

Commander,

78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

## Reserve gate exit

I am a mechanical engineer coder in Building 301 and for years have wondered why they can’t let people use the gate at the new reserve unit on Ga. Highway 247 to leave the base at the end of the day shifts. I used to work down on the flight line and the practice of herding all the traffic of the C-130s toward the Green Street gate is not only ridiculous, but dangerous making people try to get out by getting in the flow of traffic on the road behind the paint hangar. I know that you say that people are first, and I know that security is tight. But could they not at least let people go out that gate in the evenings? There have been times that a wreck has hap-

pened at the Green Street gate on 247 and it takes hours to get things moving again. I know that the people going towards Macon would greatly appreciate it and realize how aware our general is if he would make this come to pass.

**Commander’s reply:** Thank you for your concern about the safety of our work force and your suggestion. Currently, there are five gates on Ga. Highway 247 available to expedite base entry and exit. However, the primary reason the National Guard gate is not used is safety. Without any traffic control signals and a small merge lane, drivers entering or exiting via that gate are in a high-risk situation while attempting to negotiate traffic traveling in

excess of 60 mph. Previously, we have contacted the Georgia Department of Transportation and they do not support opening that gate due to the associated safety risks. Our secondary consideration is a manpower shortage. Even if using the National Guard gate was not dangerous, our security forces simply are not funded for manning that extra gate. Again, thank you for your concern for the welfare of our base personnel. I know traffic can sometimes be frustrating, but the 78th Security Forces Squadron will continue to do everything possible to expedite personnel entering and leaving the base in a safe and secure manner. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please contact Maj. James Seward, 78th SFS commander, at 926-3212.

## Remember to slow down

There have been

25

speeding tickets issued calendar year to date.

### How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles =	3 points
11 - 15 miles =	4 points
16 - 20 miles =	5 points
21+ miles =	6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



**Airmen Against Drunk Drivers** is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action. To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

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# Student Career Experience program readies college students, Robins for future workplace

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The Student Career Experience Program gives upper-level college students and Robins a way to prepare for the future.

The cooperative program, which gives juniors and seniors majoring in business experience in the contracting career field, signed on its first 10 students last year.

Shannon Cahill, Robins SCEP coordinator said the program helps prepare budding business professionals to enter the workplace, while helping Robins solve the problem of replacing retirement-eligible employees due to leave the work force in coming years.

“It’s a wonderful way for colleges to out place their students,” she said. “These are students who are high-achievers with an above average grade point average. They’re career-minded, self-motivated and they have a foundation of business knowledge we need.”

According to Patsy Reeves, Contracting Directorate director, the program is the first of its kind at Robins.

“From the Air Force’s standpoint, there is a significant number of employees who will be retirement- eligible within the next five years,” she said. “It’s imperative that we think ahead and bring very high-potential talent (on board) to get prepared to assume increasing responsibility.”

Robins recently added Georgia

College and State University to the list of schools involved in the partnership.

The one- to two-year program gives college students 20 hours of hands-on experience building contracts and identifying contract sources for item purchases to support the war fighter’s needs a week - a job Sonia Cervantes, a Macon State College senior and a co-op student working in the Contracting Directorate said is putting her dream of working for the government within reach.

“It’s wonderful,” she said. “I’ve been able to apply all the things that I’ve learned in college that I never thought I’d use.”

The 24-year-old graduates from Macon State College in May.

“There’s a purpose in what you do, and it’s to support the war fighters by getting them the materials they need to combat the War on Terrorism. It’s really rewarding,” she said.

Leon Castellano, a co-op student working in the Electronic Warfare Directorate, said the opportunity has been a valuable learning experience that has given him insight into the professional world.

Michael O’Hara, Robins Civilian personnel officer, said the partnership benefits all involved.

“The program provides Robins access to some of the best and brightest business students in the commuting area,” he said. “They bring a wealth of knowledge in the business arena and a terrific acade-

## What to know

The Student Career Experience Program (SCEP), offers juniors and seniors majoring in business at Macon State College, Fort Valley State University and Georgia College and State University, at least one year of training in the contracting career field with the potential for a full-time career upon successful completion of the program.

Eligible candidates must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a U.S. citizen
- have earned at least 24 credit hours in a business major at one of the three colleges in the program
- have at least a 3.0 grade point average
- have a recommendation to the program from their school.

For more information, contact Deb Hall at 222-4701.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Sonia Cervantes, a co-op contracting specialist, talks with a co-worker. The Macon State College senior said she has been able to apply what she has learned in college in a real-life work environment. Juniors and seniors majoring in business at Macon State College, Fort Valley State University and Georgia College and State University are eligible to participate in the program.

## ROBINS CLUBS

**Aerospace Toastmasters Club 3368** meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PK conference room, Building 300. If you wish to enhance your communication skills and become a better leader at work and in your community,

come join us. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Hall at 497-2946 or Brenda Smith at 222-1710.

**Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows**, a professional Electronic Combat organization, meets the fourth

Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Officers' Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Wes Heidenreich at 929-4441.

**The Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program (AFCOMAP) Middle Georgia Chapter**, a

professional organization dedicated to the mentoring and professional development of all Air Force officers and officer candidates, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Dandelion Room of the Officers' Club. More information can be found on Robins homepage

under Special Functions.

**Officers' Christian Fellowship** meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil.

*Editor's Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group's information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in Building 215, Room 106, by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.*



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*To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at [angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil) by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.*

### ASMC luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Officers’ Club Ballroom. The program will include the ASMC awards luncheon. Cost is \$10 for members and \$11 for non-members. R.S.V.P. is required with a ticket representative by Tuesday: Kathy Piper at 327-1410, Pam Boyd at 222-0386 or Cynthia Drosos at 926-2475.

### Base Legal Office closed

The Base Legal Office will be closed Thursday. If you have any questions, call 926-3961 extension 111.

### 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Col. Greg F. Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony Feb. 28, at 3:30 p.m. at the Base Theater. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective First Sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

### Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol is looking for volunteers from Robins. Members perform more than 90 percent of all Air Force search and rescue missions. Membership is open to citizens age 18 and older, and we have a cadet program for kids age 12-18. The Middle Georgia Squadron meets Tuesdays at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport in the ASA training building from 7-9 p.m. To find out more, go to [www.capnhq.gov](http://www.capnhq.gov), or contact Todd Engelman at 213-4569 or [PlaneFlyr@bellsouth.net](mailto:PlaneFlyr@bellsouth.net).

### AFA membership drive

The local Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association membership drive will run throughout February. Membership is open to all Air Force active duty (enlisted and officer), Reserve, Guard, retired and civilians. For membership information, contact Capt. John Nolan at 926-3566 or 2nd Lt. Brian R. Baggett at 926-0124 or visit [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org).

### OSC Scholastic Achievement Awards

Robins’ Officers’ Spouses Club announces its annual

Scholastic Achievement Awards 2004-2005. The club is offering two types of scholarships: for graduating seniors and continuing education students. Graduating high school seniors who are enrolled in public or private schools or who are home schooled and meet eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply. Continuing education students (dependents) must be beyond the freshman year. All applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an

accredited institution of higher learning. Eligibility criteria and application packets are available at the Robins Thrift Shop, Family Support Center, Robins Education Center, and at counselors’ offices of local area high schools. For more information, contact Kitty Addington, scholarship chairperson, at 923-9532 or [daleandkitty@hotmail.com](mailto:daleandkitty@hotmail.com). All applications must be postmarked no later than March 15.

### Palace Chase/ Palace Front Briefing

The Palace Chase/Palace Front Briefing is held the third Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in Building 905 (MPF Building) in room 240. The Palace Chase program is an early release program which allows active duty Air Force officers and enlisted to request to transfer from active military service to an Air Reserve Component. The program allows you to transfer to the Air Force Reserve the day

after separating from the active duty Air Force. Stop by and see if this is a viable option for you. There are many opportunities in the AF Reserve for you to continue your education, cross train and serve near your home. For more information, call Master Sgt. Danny Varga at 327-7367.

### Firing range reminder

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts live fire training at the base firing range, located on the northeast

side of the base, adjacent to the horse stables. The firing ranges are off-limits to all persons, unless scheduled for training or official business. Nearby housing residents should warn children of the hazards of playing near the area. The ranges are clearly marked with signs and red flags during weapons firing. Also, night firing is conducted throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, call the 78th SFS Combat Arms section at 926-5031.

# Jumper talks force development with career field managers

By Tech. Sgt. James Brabenec  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Nearly 100 active-duty, Guard and Reserve officer and civilian career field managers gathered at the Air Force Personnel Center here recently to discuss the future of force development.

The three-day conference included a visit from Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, who thanked the career field managers for their part in shaping a performance-based total force.

The conference brought together the Airmen who oversee and ensure the overall health of their career fields for the first time since the introduction of this program two years ago. Enlisted career field managers are still in the initial stages of force development and did not attend the conference.

“Force development is changing the way we develop our Airmen,” said Col. Lee Hall, AFPC director of assignments. “Through this revolutionary new approach, we are able to move beyond the next assignment mindset and look at deliberate career path development two to three assignments

into the future.”

The conference informed the Airmen about force-development progress and helped refine career-planning diagrams.

Those planning diagrams offer Airmen progression, enabling them to chart their progress using experiences, challenges, education and training, officials said.

However, an Airman’s progression, General Jumper said, needs to remain focused around his or her duty core competencies and reviewed during periodic evaluations.

“We need to manage the force so the bulk of that force is ready to deploy and fight at any time,” he said. “That metric is how we should all grade our performance in doing our jobs.”

While initially focusing on officers, the program added senior civilians. Guard and Reserve developmental teams are beginning to assess the process to manage and develop citizen Airmen’s and the skills and experiences.



Gen. John P. Jumper is the Air Force chief of staff.

“Force development is a way of doing things better and smarter,” said Col. Timothy Cashdollar, chief of the force management and analysis division. “Using the program’s deliberate methodology enables a smaller, high-operations tempo Air Force that’s becoming even more expeditionary to best use available time and effort to develop our most valuable resource – our people.”

Developmental teams provide perspective and feedback to Airmen on career-path recommendations, officials said.

“One benefit of this program is to develop a pool of candidates from across the total force for greater leadership responsibilities,” Colonel Cashdollar said. “But, everyone doesn’t aspire to high-level leadership. For the pilot who just wants to fly, that’s perfectly fine. This system can help communicate that expectation and chart a career path that benefits the individual and the corporate Air Force as well.”

On the civilian side, force development is not a new concept. Programs have existed for decades that manage senior civilians, said Elinor Gonzales, chief of the resource management and development division. However, those programs must be more corporate and deliberate, and must be inte-

grated across the total force, she said.

“Our goal is to provide civilians the same types of leadership challenges and developmental opportunities as their military counterparts,” she said. “If we’re successful, then civilians will ultimately possess the skills and experiences necessary for them to serve whenever and wherever the needs of the Air Force dictate.”

Although initial programs focused mainly on senior civilians, Ms. Gonzales said the career fields are developing career paths that reach across all civilian grades. This will assist civilians in setting career goals and identifying what is needed to reach them.

The challenge in the Guard will be to provide a force-development process within its culture and to leverage civilian experience, said Col. Janet Robinson, the Guard adviser to the AFPC commander

“Our goals are the same, we just need to tweak the methodology,” she said. “We have an implementation plan (and hope) to begin developmental teams this summer.”

Force development enables the Air Force to build focused leadership-development skills at the tactical, operational and strategic levels in a continuous and connected approach across the total force, officials said.

## Snowbody knows



U.S. Air Force photo by Jim Westfall  
MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan – Airman 1st Class Michael Long sweeps snow from a KC-135 Stratotanker. The base here received 14 inches of snow in 36 hours. He is assigned to the 376th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

# Online mentorship program aims to develop professional relationship

The new Mission Driven Mentoring, or MDM, program, which will allow people seeking mentorship to choose from an online pool of qualified mentors from across Air Force Materiel Command, will soon be available to command military and government civilian employees.

Mentors are defined as those who have gained experience over the years and can now share with future leaders and those coming up through the ranks. People who need mentors are individuals who have a developmental need. The Web-based tool is fully functional and mentors are being invited to register online at this time. People seeking mentors will be invited to participate beginning Feb. 25

The tool will be used to create, monitor and close the mentor relationship. People engaged in a mentoring relationship can do most of their correspondence through e-mail. Once paired, the two can establish specific goals, objectives and a timeline for reaching those goals.

— *Lanorris Askew*

## Access instructions

- Go to [www.3creekmentoring.com/USAirForce/](http://www.3creekmentoring.com/USAirForce/)
- Click on appropriate login (mentors click on Mentor Log in)
- Click on "Create a New Record"
- Fill out the required user information, including the appropriate Group Code, and click on submit
- Follow the instructions that appear on each page to complete your profile

For login codes and additional information contact your MDM Administrator for your organization.

ASW - Dianne Carmichael, 926-0196  
CSW - Tracy Barnes, 926-8631  
MXW - Rick Scoggins, 222-3437  
ABW - Jane Channell, 926-3480  
AE - Jacqueline James, 926-4028  
DS, IG - Linda Shaw, 926-9241  
EN - Eric Jones, 926-6617  
FM - Jason Roberson, 926-1829  
IT - BJ Toth, 926-8563  
PK - Stephanie Hall, 222-4705  
SE - Richard Thomas, 926-6271  
XP - Yvonne Garnett, 926-2939

# New system to streamline Guard orders process

Beginning Oct. 1, Air National Guard officials will implement a new system for issuing orders.

The Air National Guard Reserve Order Writing Systems will consolidate systems used throughout the 54 states and territories for temporary duty travel, permanent change of station, and all administrative orders into one easy-to-use system,

officials said.

By streamlining the order-writing process, Guardsmen will have more time to train during drill weekends, he said.

The system was designed to be simple to use and provide officials with much information about how resources are used. The Air Force portal will be used to allow access to Guardsmen from dot-com

domains. A 24-hour a day, seven-day a week help desk will assist Guardsmen with both technical and procedural questions. Users will be able track their orders during the approval process, print them when published and have access to their order history and their number of duty days.

— *Air Force Print News*



## showing off

### Air Force reservist finds dog training hobby rewarding

By Holly L. Birchfield  
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For some people, running around the backyard with their dog is a way to blow off steam, but for Lt. Col. Deborah Divich it's a hobby that's as much a part of her life as her Air Force career.

When the 47-year-old Texas native isn't serving her country as Air Force Reserve Command's deputy director of military personnel, she can be found training her three dogs to run through a maze of dog walks, poles, hurdles, tunnels and see-saws at her Middle Georgia home.

The avid dog trainer fell in love with the sport a decade ago, and she's hoping to put more dog agility titles and championships under her pets' collars.

"It's a wonderful sport, and it's a lot of fun," she said.

"There's no other feeling like when I came off the course at world competition this year in Scottsdale, Ariz., and my dog was happy and having fun."

The colonel, who begins working with the dogs as early as 4:30 a.m. daily, said while the sport is rewarding for both her and her furry friends, she makes no bones about admitting it's a lot of work.

"In some respects, it's like any other sport," she said. "You're going to have your good days, and you're going to have your bad days."

No matter what happens in the course of competition, the colonel said the finger of blame always points back to the trainers. And, whether in the winner circle or not, Colonel Divich said she and her dogs are in it together.

"The big thing is building that bond with your dog," she said. "That's one of the reasons why agility is so much fun for people. You're building that bond, but it's a sport too. For some dogs, that comes really easy and for some, it's not. It depends on the dog's personality and breed."

Colonel Divich, who has worked with a variety of dogs such as Labrador retrievers, Australian shepherds, border collies and others, said it's a sport that teaches the trainer as much as it teaches the dog.

"This sport gives you humility because you're dealing with an animal, and you never know what will happen," she said.

While she tries not to take the sport too seriously, she tackles the job of taking care of the



**Lt. Col. Deborah Divich** has worked with a variety of dogs such as Labrador retrievers, Australian shepherds and border collies.



**Bill Fuqua**, a retired Air Force major, and his wife, Dianne, have trained with Colonel Divich for about 18 months.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Lt. Col. Deborah Divich coaches Quigley, a 2-year-old Australian shepherd, through a tire obstacle. She said agility training is a sport that teaches the trainer as much as it teaches the dog.



The dogs are rewarded with treats and encouragement.



One part of the agility course includes a table where the dogs must stay for a full five seconds. "This sport gives you humility because you're dealing with an animal, and you never know what will happen," the colonel said.



Duke weaves in and out of posts during the agility course.

#### What is dog agility?

Dog agility is a competitive sport loosely based on equestrian jumping events, but instead of getting to ride on top the human has to run as well. The handler directs the dog through a variety of jumps, tunnels, weave poles, bridges, teeter-totters and other equipment laid out on a set course by a judge.

#### Where it began

The idea of agility was born in 1977 when a dog show needed something to fill up spare time in the main arena between the end of the obedience championships and the start of the group breed judging. Various dog training demonstrations were held over the years, some of which included dog jumping. Some people put their heads together and they came out with a test based on practical dog training knowledge and experience in working trials. The main objectives of the competition were that it should be fun without being dangerous and it should amuse spectators. Today, the sport is popular in Great Britain, with well-attended competitions every weekend during the show season. This enthusiasm has spread to virtually all of Europe, as well as Australia and New Zealand, followed by the USA in 1986, making it a truly international dog sport.

— From [www.adsc-agility.com](http://www.adsc-agility.com)



Quigley bounds across a dog walk.

dogs she calls her "kids" to heart.

"They're my kids and I do

everything I can to take care of them and keep them healthy," she said. "They're like athletes

and I treat them with great care."

Bill Fuqua, a retired Air

Force major, who along with his wife, Dianne, has trained with Colonel Divich for about 18 months, said he has learned a lot from her.

"These dogs are her life, and that's very apparent in the way she approaches the sport and makes her dogs' needs a priority," he said.

**"The big thing is building that bond with your dog. That's one of the reasons why agility is so much fun for people."**

**LT. COL. DEBORAH DIVICH**  
avid dog trainer



2005 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for federal employees. Please note that most federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday – Saturday or Sunday – the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

FEB	MAY	JULY	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Monday: President's Day	Monday, May 30: Memorial Day	Monday, July 4: Independence Day	Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day	Monday, Oct. 10: Columbus Day	Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas Day	<div><div></div><div>MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST</div><div>no federal holiday</div></div>

SERVICES BRIEFS

**Aero Club**  
Private pilot ground school registration will be held March 1 - 7 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School starts March 7 at 5:30 p.m. One-hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$340 for tuition and \$200 for books and duffle bag and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 - 50-hour course, lasting approximately six weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 926-4867 and register soon because classroom seating is limited.

**Child Development Centers East and West**  
A CDC art exhibit will be held Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Smith Community Center.

**Civilian Recreation bingo**  
Play bingo every Wednesday in February at the base restaurant to collect stamps for a chance to win bingo merchandise, valued up to \$400. Drawings will be held March 2. Both paper and power bingo cards will be available. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with food available to purchase from the base restaurant and games will begin at 7 p.m. Complimentary fountain drinks, tea and coffee will be provided to bingo players.

Family night bingo will be played Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Prizes will include keyboards, tents, sports

equipment and a dance machine. Cost is \$3 per package. All children purchasing a package will receive a small gift. No one will go home empty-handed.

**Club membership**  
A chance to win either a \$500 or \$1,000 vacation travel voucher is in your future when you join the Robins Enlisted or Officers’ Club, now through April 30, 2005, during the Members Wanted - It’s Where You Want to Be club drive. Current club members have a chance of winning this package too. Club membership at the officers’ and enlisted clubs is open to all Department of Defense employees serving Robins as well as active duty, reserve, and retired military and retired DoD civilians. For more information concerning club membership features, options and benefits, call the Robins Officers’ Club at 926-2670 or the Robins Enlisted Club at 926-4515.

**Enlisted Club**  
A World Wrestling Entertainment “No Way Out” will be held Sunday. Cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

A Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held Feb. 26 with a practice and warm-up session from 11 - 11:45 a.m., sign-up starts at noon and games at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be given to the winners of the first round and a 27-inch television will be given as the grand prize. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 mem-

bers and \$10 nonmembers. For more information, call 926-4515.

**Information, Tickets and Travel**  
ITT has tickets available to “Movin’ Out” April 2 at 2 p.m. for \$59 until Monday. This production will be held at the Fox Theatre, Atlanta.

Tickets are available for the Atlanta Hawks basketball team versus Philadelphia 76’ers on March 5; against Golden State Warriors on March 12; New York Knicks on March 18 and Toronto Raptors on March 26. Tickets are \$35 per person.

NASCAR tickets are available for the Aaron’s 312 and Golden Corral 500 on March 19 and 20. Cost is \$50 for both races. Tickets will be available through March 4.

The 78th Services Division is looking for volunteers with current commercial driver’s licenses to drive, a minimum 24-passenger bus, for ITT and Outdoor Recreation trips. For more information, call Donna Smith, ITT manager, at 926-2945 or Cheryl Dollard, Outdoor Recreation manager, at 926-4001.

Explore and expand your horizons at the ITT Safari Travel Show March 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Visit travel booths from the following travel and amusement representatives: Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, Macon Convention and

Visitors Bureau, Babyland General Hospital, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, Four Points Sheraton, Villas by the Sea, Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Medieval Times, Universal Studios, Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival, Resort Quest Orlando, La Quinta Lakeside, Staybridge Suites Orlando, Red Horse Inn/Kessler Collection, Howard Johnson Plaza Resort, Alpine Helen/White County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Wild Adventures, Hilton Garden Inn, Orlando Seaworld, Radisson Barcelo Hotel, Emerald Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau Inc., Hampton Inn Amelia Island, Dixie Stampede, Interline Value Vacations, Andersonville Trail Association, Buffalo Lodging, Macon Knights, Westgate Resorts, Hilton Garden Inn Albany, Gone With The Wind Museum, Shades Of Green and Boardwalk Beach Resort.

**Officers’ Club**  
Enjoy Isaac Barber as he plays light rock on his acoustic guitar at the Wellston today from 4:30 - 7 p.m.

A “hot of the grill” will be served Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, barbecue, French fries, coleslaw, baked beans and all the trimming.

**Outdoor Recreation**  
Recreation swimming is offered at the Rasile Indoor Pool Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2 - 3 p.m.

and Saturdays from 1 - 5 p.m. A lane remains open at these times for lap swimmers. Children 16 years old and younger must be supervised at all times and floatation devices must be U.S. Coast Guard approved.

**Riding Stables**  
The riding stables, near Luna Lake, offer a lighted riding ring, hot and cold wash racks, a horse trail, stalls and a horse pasture. Costs include monthly \$15 family membership fee plus monthly stable fee of \$67. All base ID cardholders are eligible to use the stables.

**Services Marketing**  
If you are a DoD civilian assigned to Robins, go to www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the civilian survey icon on the home page. The information you provide will be used to further enhance programs and activities.

**Smith Community Center**  
Earn pogs for your unit or organization, to count towards the Camaraderie, Cohesiveness and Commitment Traveling Trophy, by participating in the following 3-C events:  
■ A Win, Lose or Draw game is slated for today starting at 5:30 p.m. in the community center ballroom. For more information, call 926-2105 or visit the community center.  
■ Puzzle Challenge is scheduled for Wednesday. Register your team by Saturday.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



**Today**  
**7:30 p.m. – Racing Stripes – voices of Frankie Muniz and Hayden Panettiere**  
In the middle of a raging thunderstorm, a traveling circus accidentally leaves behind some very precious cargo, a baby zebra. The gangly little foal is rescued by horse farmer Nolan Walsh, a champion thoroughbred trainer, and brought to his Kentucky farm. The Walsh farm borders the Turfway Racetrack, where highly skilled thoroughbreds compete for horse racing’s top honor, the Kentucky Crown. From the first moment Stripes lays eyes on the track, he’s hooked. He knows that if he could just get the chance, he could leave all those other horses in the dust. What he doesn’t know is that he’s not exactly a horse. But with the help of the misfit troupe of barnyard friends and a teenage girl, he sets out to achieve his dream of racing with thoroughbreds.  
Rated PG (mild crude humor and some language)  
102 minutes



**Saturday**  
**7:30 p.m. – Elecktra – Jennifer Garner and Terence Stamp**  
When Elektra is released from the hospital after a near-death experience, she becomes an assassin trained by a crew of killers known as The Order of the Hand. Their leader, Kirigi, sends Elektra on a mission to kill Mark Miller and his young daughter, Abby. Soon, however, Elektra befriends her would-be victims and defends them both from Kirigi’s ninja assassins. But standing up to the Order sentences her to death.  
Rated PG-13 (action violence)  
97 minutes

**COMING SOON**  
Feb. 26 - **The Pacifier – Vin Diesel and Lauren Graham**  
Pick up free passes at the Main Exchange checkout counters and any AAFES Food Outlets. Please arrive early. Seating is available on a first-come, first served basis. Theater is not responsible for over booking.  
Vin Diesel redefines what it means to be an action hero in this heart warming family action comedy. Navy SEAL Shane Wolfe is an elite member of the world’s fiercest and most highly trained force, and he thought he was prepared to take on any duty no matter how perilous or impossible until he tried babysitting.  
Rated PG (action violence, language and rude humor)

CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic Masses** are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
**Protestant General Services** take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.  
**Jewish service time** is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.  
**Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.  
The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

SERVICES HOLIDAY HOURS

<b>Open</b> Bowling Center, open Monday from 1 - 6 p.m. Enlisted Club, open Monday at 5 p.m. (no family night) Fitness Center/Rasile Pool, open Monday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Flight Line Dining Facility, closed Monday; Flight Line Kitchen will remain open Golf Course, normal hours and tee times Lodging, normal hours Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours	Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, Monday Human Resource office, closed Monday Information, Tickets and Travel, closed Monday Marketing, closed Monday Nature Center, closed Monday Officers’ Club, closed Monday Pizza Depot, closed Sunday and Monday Rental Center, closed Monday Resource Management office, closed Monday Robins Japanese Grill, closed Monday Skeet Range, closed Monday Skills Development Center, closed Monday Smith Community Center, closed Monday Teen Center, closed Monday U.S. Veterinarian Services, closed Monday Wood Hobby shop, closed Monday and Tuesday Youth Center, closed Monday
<b>Closed</b> Aero Club, administration and sales closed Monday; open 24/7 for club members Auto Skills Center, closed Sunday and Monday Base Library, closed Monday Base Restaurant, closed Monday; All snack bars close at 1 p.m. today CDC East & West, closed Monday Family Child Care, closed Monday Food Service office, closed Monday	

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

The Black Heritage Observance Committee announces the following events for celebration of Black History Month:  
**Saturday** - Youth and Cultural Fair at the Museum of Aviation 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**Feb. 25** - Grand finale, with Five Men on a Stool – a contemporary Jazz and R&B ensemble accompanied by a touch of spoken word at the Enlisted Club from 7-10 p.m.  
The theme for this year is “The Niagara Movement” celebrating 100

FSC

**Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**  
**Transition assistance**  
The Transition Assistance Program ensures active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. Classes are offered throughout the year.  
**Relocation assistance**  
The FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout. The relocation assistance program also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide at www.airforce-sourceone.com (user ID: airforce; password: ready).  
For more information, call 926-3453.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.  
**Rachel LaVon Harris**, WR-ALC/LTCR. Point of contact is Lisa Vander Poorten at 926-3385.  
**Elaine H. Reaves**, WR-ALC/LSCF. Point of contact is Debby Tamer at 222-3287.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.



## National Children’s Dental Health Month



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Capt. (Dr.) Joanna McPherson talks with students about dental health. February is National Children’s Dental Health Month. This year’s theme is ‘A Healthy Smile is Always in Style’. Representatives from the 78th Dental Clinic visited Robins Elementary School Feb. 10.

## Students learn importance of dental hygiene, dental care myths busted

**MYTH:** Cavities on baby teeth don’t matter, they fall out anyway.

**FACT:** What happens to a child’s baby teeth affects their adult teeth. When a child gets a cavity not only is it painful but it also increases his or her chances of having infections, speech problems, decreased appetite, crowded adult teeth, and cavities on adult teeth. The American Dental Association recommends children visit a pediatric dentist when the first tooth comes in, usually between six and twelve months of age.

**MYTH:** Baby bottle tooth decay happens when babies fall asleep with soda in the bottle and their teeth turn black.

**FACT:** Baby bottle tooth decay occurs from using a bottle while sleeping or nursing continuously from the breast. This is severe decay that can be avoided by brushing your baby’s teeth after nursing, never dipping a pacifier in honey or sugar, and if you give your baby a bottle at bedtime, filling it with water instead.



The ‘Cavity Creep’ (Senior Airman Alvin Wright) and ‘Floss Girl’ (Senior Airman Catherine Jolley) treat the students to a skit about dental health.

**MYTH:** Baby bottle tooth decay is easy to fix with caps.

**FACT:** Treating baby bottle tooth decay often requires a trip to the hospital operating room. Because most children with baby bottle tooth decay are very young, they are often too difficult to treat in the dental clinic

and require sedation by an anesthesiologist and treatment by a specialist. Possible treatments include multiple extractions, root canals, stainless steel crowns and fillings.

**MYTH:** Fluoridated water is dangerous.

**FACT:** Water fluoridation is safe. Regulated levels of fluoride in community water supplies is the single most effective measure to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health.

**MYTH:** I have bad teeth, so my kids are going to have bad teeth.

**FACT:** You can stop the cycle of cavities. By taking care of your child’s teeth with proper oral hygiene, healthy snacks and annual visits to the dentist for exams and cleanings you can prevent cavities. However, it is possible to pass cavity causing bacteria to your child if you have an existing cavity in your mouth and you share utensils or drinking cups.

— American Dental Association

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Base Archery**  
Base Archery (Straight Arrow Archery Club) work days are Saturday and Feb. 26. Members receive a reduced membership for participation. Membership drive begins March 1. Annual dues are \$25. For more information, contact Bryan Davis at 328-0177 or Greg Dunn at 929-4812.

**Bowling Center**  
Every Wednesday in February is red-head pin day. Get a strike when the red pin is in the number one position and that game is free.

A most pins over your average competition will be held Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes men’s and women’s divisions. Bowl a three-game series and whoever bowls the most pins over their average wins.

**Fitness Center**  
Enjoy free water aerobics Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Rasile pool. For more information, call 926-2128.

The fitness center is hosting the 2005 Men’s and Women’s Southeastern Military Athletic Conference (SEMAC) basketball tournament Saturday through Monday. Bases

participating in the tournament are Eglin, Fort Benning, Hurlburt Fld, Keesler, Maxwell, Moody, Robins, and Tyndall. Games will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and conclude Monday, with the championship game for the women scheduled for 10 a.m. and the men at noon. Come out and support Team Robins. The tournament is open to the entire base populace and admission is free. For more information, call the center at 926-2128/2129.

An inaugural 2005 Winter Sports Day will be held March 11. Events include a swim meet, table tennis, racquetball, volleyball, walleyball, obstacle course and a three-on-three basketball competition. For more information, call 926-2128.

**Golf Course**  
A two-person dogfight is scheduled for Feb. 26 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The event package includes golf car, green fee, lunch and prizes. Cost is \$30 per person AGFP and \$45 for guests. Sign up at the Pine Oaks pro shop or call 926-4103.

**Youth Center**  
Robins Youth Center will be conducting baseball, softball, T-ball, ages 5 - 18, and micro T-ball, ages 3 and 4, registrations Monday - Feb. 28. For more information, call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

## Air Force moves radios to narrowband

**By Gerald Sonnenberg**  
Air Force Communications  
Agency Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) – As the demand for radio frequencies continues to grow, so does the need to increase efficiency. Air Force Communications Agency officials here helped create more capabilities by providing the roadmap for moving the Air Force away from wideband to narrowband radios.

Land mobile radio systems enable military forces to quickly establish command, control and other critical communications during training and deployed operations, and they are critical components

of the global information grid, officials said.

In 1995, National Telecommunications and Information Administration officials mandated that federal agencies operating radios in selected UHF and VHF frequencies move from a wider emission band of 25 kilohertz to a narrower emission band of 12.5. Radios accessing the 162 to 174 megahertz frequency range were given until Jan. 1 to move.

Radios accessing other frequencies have until 2008 to move. This gave Air Force officials the challenge of converting 151,600 radios in its inventory. Not doing so could affect mission-critical radio commu-

nications support, officials said.

The Air Force manages its radio inventory at the base level, and it turned to agency officials to develop a plan to transition the entire, decentralized radio fleet to the narrowband configuration.

Agency officials said they worked with those of the Air Force Frequency Management Agency, major commands, direct reporting units and other field operating agencies to take the first steps and keep security forces and first responders in business.

The conversion plan broke down radio equipment into three categories: mission-critical, mission-essential and mission-support.

# Motorcyclists should bundle up when riding in cold weather

**By Tech. Sgt. Vic Salisbury**  
19th AMXS ET&D manager

Even though winter has set in, there have been quite a few motorcyclists still riding around. We have a few tips to pass on for those who choose to ride even when the temperature drops.

Hypothermia, what is it? Your body’s core temperature drops below subnormal limits and you’re losing more heat than you can generate. Then, as your body gets colder, blood flow to the extremities is reduced in order to keep your head and vital organs warm.

Because of this reduced blood flow to the extremities, toes and fingers start to go numb and dexterity and motion control is lost; not a healthy thing when trying to operate a motorcycle.

If conditions progress to the point that coordination and grip strength deteriorate, we’re talking possibly the onset of severe hypothermia which is life threatening and requires immediate medical attention.

Some other problems with hypothermia are that the first thing affected is your judg-

ment, thus making onset of hypothermia difficult to recognize. Coordination and balance are the next to be affected along with strength – essential skills required to ride a motorcycle.

So pay close attention to your buddy if riding together; slurring speech, uncontrollable shivering and unintentional swerving while riding are signs of trouble.

When you notice the onset of hypothermia, stop, get out of the cold and have something warm to drink. Heat needs to be generated if you start feeling these effects or you start shivering uncontrollably (your body’s last ditch effort to generate heat).

If this occurs while riding, pull over safely, get off the motorcycle and start moving around. Use the large muscles of your legs to generate heat by doing deep knee bends, jumping jacks, stepping up and down a curb or walking up and down a flight of stairs.

Our best defense against the cold is conserving heat, and wearing the proper clothing will help us accomplish this. A jacket is the main protection, especially

on a motorcycle without a windshield or fairing. A jacket should be windproof and insulated.

Layering is the key here, long underwear also helps and if the jacket is large enough, a sweater or sweat-shirt underneath can help. This is especially true on long trips; you don’t need to be sweating under a ton of gear at your destination or stops along the way, then have to get back on the bike and head out into the cold again.

Rain gear can be added on top of your riding gear such as a good windbreaker if needed. Since most of the body’s heat is lost through the head and neck area and your hands, a good pair of gloves and a helmet with a face shield are essential; combining a bandanna, balaclava or a scarf with your helmet also helps. Having a fairing or a large windshield will help keep most of the wind and rain off you and your riding gear.

Electric riding gear is also available to help keep the cold at bay; electric vests keep your upper torso warm thus promoting a higher level of blood flowing to our

extremities. Heated gloves, electric chaps and heated handgrips (permanently installed grips or “wrap-around” style) are also available. If you decide to use electric gear to augment your clothing, check your charging systems output prior to use, you don’t want to end up stranded with electrical problems from overloading your system.

Finally, food is also necessary for our bodies to have the calories to produce body heat. A high energy food bar for a snack is better than a big meal which would divert blood away from the extremities.

Dehydration can also occur very quickly in cold weather, and as when you get chilled, blood is diverted from your extremities to your core, so drink water at every stop, avoiding caffeinated sodas and alcohol.

Bottom line: Watch out for yourself and keep an eye on your riding partners. We cannot control the environment we ride in but we can control our exposure to the environment with proper riding gear, making good decisions and having good information. Ride safe.

## Robins names Houston County High School junior Youth of the Year

The sixth annual Robins Air Force Base Youth of the Year competition was held Jan. 28.

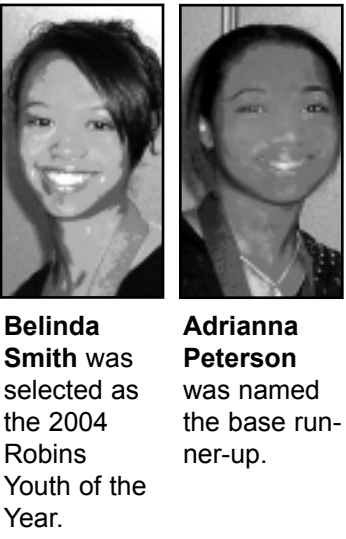
At the conclusion of the competition Belinda Smith was selected as the 2004 Robins Youth of the Year for the second year in a row.

Adrianna Peterson was the base runner-up.

“This program is the Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s premier youth recognition program that fosters character, personal growth and leadership qualities. Both of these young ladies serve as elected officers in the club’s character and leadership program, and I’m extremely proud of them,” said Marvin Hawkins, Teen Program Coordinator.

Belinda, a junior at Houston County High School, is the daughter of Michael and Ae I Cha Smith. Her goals after graduating high school are to attend Spelman College to study pre-med.

“I’ve been very busy this



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past year preparing for this opportunity. It is an honor to be selected again and to represent Robins at the State and Command competitions. I will always cherish this moment,” said Belinda.

She will compete at the state competition in April and the headquarters Air Force Materiel Command competition in May.

– *From staff reports*

College grants offered to Airmen’s families

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Air Force Aid Society officials said they are offering as many as 4,500 college education grants to Air Force family members through the Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program.

Applications for the \$1,500 need-based grants must be received by March 11.

The program is open to dependent children of Airmen on active duty, in the Guard or Reserve performing fulltime active duty, retired or deceased. Spouses of active duty and deceased Airmen are also eligible. Applicants must be enrolled as fulltime undergraduates at an accredited college or university during the 2005-2006 academic year, and they are required to maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Selection is heavily based on cost of attendance, family income and the number of eligible applicants competing. A final need assessment will be made by an independent agency.

Students can find an application and review full eligibility requirements, procedures and application instructions o at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org) or call (800) 429-9475 for an application.

**Vacancy Announcement Number: 05FEB437789**  
(This is an Internal Announcement)

Opening Date: 02/11/2005  
Closing Date: 02/18/2005  
Position Title/Pay Plan/Series/Grade or Level/Promotion Potential: DOP TRAINEE GS-0099-05/09  
Career Program: None  
Salary: 27569-35844  
Duty Location: ROBINS AFB  
City or County if any: WARNER ROBINS GA  
Temporary position: No  
Work Schedule: Full-Time  
Who May Apply: Internal Current Permanent Air Force Employees  
Major Duties: THE AREA OF CONSIDERATION FOR THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS LIMITED TO CURRENT PERMANENT ROBINS AFB EMPLOYEES AND WILL BE USED FOR REFERRAL OF PROMOTION, REASSIGNMENT, AND CHANGE TO LOWER GRADE ELIGIBLES. These positions are assigned to WR-ALC, Logistics Management Directorate, Material Management Division, Home Office Branch (LGMH) but may be matrixed to other product directorates. There will be multiple positions filled from this announcement and may be used to fill upcoming like positions described herein. Candidate referral roster (if eligible candidates) can be established and used for 90 days after closing date of this announcement. DUTIES: The purpose of this announcement is to provide current employees an opportunity to enter career positions through planned on-the-job and formal training. Applicants who apply will be considered for administrative positions including (but not limited to) Inventory Management Specialist and Production Management Specialist. Employees selected will enter the program at the GS-05 level with growth potential to the GS-09 level. Promotion to target grade is based on performance and ability to do the higher graded work and completion of training. WHO MAY APPLY: All current permanent Robins AFB employees grade GS08 and WG-07 and below. Applicants must have either 3 years administrative experience or education substitution. Candidates will be ranked based on basic experience, appraisals, awards, service computation date and panel interviews. Selectees must meet all physical requirements of the position. OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS: Training will be provided at no cost to the employee and will consist of selected formal classes and on-the-job training. Employees who are above grade GS-05 and equivalent and selected for this program will be eligible for retained pay.

Basis of Rating: Air Force Internal candidates will be considered for positions by self nomination without the requirement to submit a resume. Personnel records are used to screen experience, education, training and performance appraisals as coded into the data system.

Pay, Benefits and Work Schedule: The General Schedule (GS) basic pay schedule may vary by geographic locality and is based on what private industry is paying for similar work levels in similar pay areas.

Other Information: This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis. This position is subject to provisions of the DOD Priority Placement Program and the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan Program (ICTAP). We recommend you visit the following Web sites for bases in which you are interested for information on the local community, cost of living expenses, education, employment, housing availability, relocation and support services: Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service: <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites> Official public Air Force sites: <http://www.af.mil/sites> The Department of Air Force will not pay or assume liability for personal travel, moving expenses, or other relocation costs incurred in accepting employment, except under very unusual circumstances.

How To Apply: INTERNAL - You must self-nominate for this vacancy electronically at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs> or by calling 1-800-616-3775 (select the option for employment opportunities); TDD users call 1-800-382-0839 (within area code 210 call 565-2928) between the hours of 0730 - 1630 (CST). All self-nominations must be accomplished by the closing date. If you have questions or comments on application procedures you may search our on-line knowledgebase or use the ASK A QUESTION feature at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs>.

Job Conditions: Salary includes locality pay.

EEO Statement: THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. Selection will be made without regard to non-merit factors such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, age, politics, disability, or sexual orientation, which do not relate to successful performance of the duties of the position except where specifically authorized by law.

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# All in a day’s work



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

## Senior Airman Harry ‘Hutch’ Hutcherson

Ground radar journeyman  
52nd Combat Communications Squadron

“What I’m doing now is aligning a radar set display for proper viewing in the ASR (Airport Surveillance Radar). If I don’t do my job, airplanes don’t take off or land. What we do provides flight safety to support the mission.

“I enlisted right after 9-11. I was in school at the time but decided to enlist and finish getting my degree while in the military. Of the career choices offered to me, electronics interested me the most. It’s by far the best job I’ve ever had. Some people say you have to take a lot in the military, things like structure, but you have to take a

lot in the outside world too. I wasn’t sure how I would like it, but I will probably stay in. Robins is my first duty assignment, and I’ve been here two years. It’s different here. I’m from Colorado and the summers here kill me.

“I’ll be going to Kunsan, Korea in May for 12 months.

“My job is challenging and interesting, but if I didn’t have good people to work with, it wouldn’t be as enjoyable. We got an Outstanding Unit award last year, so I know I’m working with the best. The 5th MOB rules!”

## MUSEUM OF AVIATION EVENTS

■ There will be a Young Astronaut’s Day March 5 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. It will be a day of educational workshops for grades 3-8. Participants attend four workshops, two of their choice and two assigned by the Museum’s Education Department. Cost is \$15, includes lunch and T-shirt. All participants must be accompanied by a chaperone. There is a requirement of at least one chaperone per every 10 participants. For more information, contact Tamea Matthews at 926-5558.

■ Museum of Aviation and the Museum of Aviation

Foundation will host the Southern Wings Art Show March 10. The show will feature the talents of aviation artists Jim Balletto, Wade Meyers, Marc Stewart and Russell Smith. The artwork will remain on display in the Museum of Aviation’s Art Gallery until May 10. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Eagle Building. The Monty Cole Trio, a Georgia based jazz trio, will be featured at the opening of the exhibit. For admission information, call 923-6600.

■ Museum of Aviation will present its monthly Hangar

Talk with the film “Women of Courage” March 18 at 10 a.m. in the VistaScope Theater, correlating with the month’s theme Women’s History Month. Admission is free. Seating is based on a first-come, first-served basis. The movie tells the true story of 1,074 American women who flew in an elite group during WWII. They logged over 60 million miles in two years, tested tactical aircraft and trained men to fly them. For more information, contact Heather Fasciocco at 926-6870 or [heatherf@museumofaviation.org](mailto:heatherf@museumofaviation.org)